

**PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
of the
Suffolk County Legislature**

Minutes

the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa
Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building,
Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on **November 13, 2002.**

Members Present:

Legislator Joseph Caracappa - Chairman
Legislator Brian Foley - Vice-Chair
Legislator Andrew Crecca
Legislator David Bishop
Legislator Angie Carpenter

Also in Attendance:

Paul Sabatino - Counsel to the Legislature
Tim Laube - Aide to Legislator Lindsay
John Ortiz - Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office
Nicole DeAngelo - Intergovernmental Relations/County Executive Office
Richard LaValle - Chief Deputy Commissioner/SC Public Works Department
Bob Shinnick - Department of Public Works
Theresa Lollo - Budget Office

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:02 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Start the meeting with a salute to the flag led by Legislator
Carpenter.

Salutation

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

All members present. This is a meeting of the Public Works and
Transportation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature. Do we
have anybody wishing to go speak today from the public? Mr. LaValle,
why don't you come on forward then. You have prepared -- this is
just an, I guess, finalization of the report you laid out for us at
the last committee meeting as it relates to Capital projects and the

tracking of the Capital projects on a whole series of fronts. Why don't you just give us a brief run down of what you have compiled here.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Well, essentially what we have put together is an executive summary based on discussions we had with -- with Legislator Caracappa in connection with the types of information he felt was important that the Legislature see. The information is only a very small part of what we are using to provide the necessary oversight of our projects. Each of those line items that you see on that report are actually backed up by numerous screens which have a great deal of information that are relevant to our ability to manage the individual projects through the term of their existence. We will be -- there are still some problems that we're enduring in this project, and as we go along we are eliminating them, and we will be working on this continuously to upgrade them hopefully with the submittal of the next report, which will be the first quarter of next year. So it will be through March 30th of next year we will have ironed out all those problems. If there is anything that you come across in your review of the project, please feel free to contact our office. I have provided to BRO a copy also, and they'll look at it, and if they have any comments they will be in touch with us also. Because I think it's important that we're both satisfied with the information. It's a benefit to the Legislature to provide the -- satisfy your concerns and provide the necessary oversight that you feel is important from your aspect. And it also provides us with the ability to better manage our projects.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Thank you, Commissioner. Looking at the new data that you have attached in the back, the project time lines, it's very valuable information and something I think we have all been looking for for some time. I think it will be a very useful tool for us as Legislators as we look to see where capital projects in our respective districts are at any given time, whether the planning, design, bid period, contract processing or construction. So we do appreciate your effort and your willingness to work with each and every one of us and coming up with this document so that once again, we can better track the capital projects throughout to County of Suffolk. Any questions?

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CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

We certainly wish --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Legislator Foley.

LEG. FOLEY:

Not a question, but some commentary. This is an excellent tool that

we can use, as the Chairman has mentioned, to not only oversee projects within our district, but also some very important County-wide projects, be it the Evans K. Griffing Building out east or the old infirmary in Yaphank. This is truly a -- this is a report that a number of us have been -- have been seeking for a number of years. And through the good work of the Commissioner's office and the Chair of this Committee, Chairman Caracappa, we finally have a document that really will make everyone's job if not easier at least we can now more effectively review and oversee projects that are important to the -- to the public. Thanks.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of other comments if I may before we move into the resolutions. The Commissioner asked me to apologize to the committee for not being present today. He was asked to be part of a judging panel for New York State Society of Consulting Engineers, they're making determination for Engineering Excellent Awards for the past year. So he's in New York city to judge projects throughout the country. Secondly --

LEG. FOLEY:

Given -- given the Department's interaction with consultants, I would image that our Commissioner would be one of the experts in the field.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Secondly, the monthly status report went out late, and we apologize for that. You should have it tomorrow. I believe it was mailed out yesterday, so you should have it in your offices by tomorrow at the latest.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Essentially, though, that information is in here anyway.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Yes, it is. So the question arises, will you still want the status report, this status report, on a monthly basis? In addition to that, on a quarterly basis?

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Personally speaking, I would say yes and then we could have the more detailed information on the quarterly basis.

LEG. BISHOP:

Why should you be happy?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

And finally, I just wanted to mention a couple of things with regard to the Operating Budget, which was recently approved by the

Legislature. There were a couple of items that kind of jumped out at us that were of concern of the Department. It's not my intention today to get into lengthy discussion with regard to them, but we just wanted to bring them to the committee's attention. The first item dealt with really the Quarter Percent Program, the funding or a portion of the funding necessary for the Vector Control and Wetland Long-term Plan Environmental Impact Statement, was removed from the budget as well as --

LEG. BISHOP:

I just want to explain that, that one point.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Let him finish his point.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

As well as the positions that are required by the Highway Division in order to effectively manage the Quarter Percent Program.

LEG. BISHOP:

Now may I? The Quarter Percent Program was enacted by a referendum, and the referendum language mandated that the fund be separate from a departmental budget. So while the Department can dip into the fund, and it's still intention of the Legislature I'm sure to allow those projects to move forward it has to be by a resolution that will access the fund.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Okay. Because our concern is --

LEG. BISHOP:

So it's really one of construction and appearance and form, that's all. It's one of form, not of substance.

LEG. FOLEY:

The end will be the same.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Our concern is by eliminating from the budget, next year the Department then has to be provided with the necessary funds in its Operating Budget which increases our budget. And it really doesn't reflect -- the current budget doesn't really truly reflect the budget figures for next year.

LEG. FOLEY:

Mr. Chairman, I think what we can do, and other departments are doing it, is speak directly with BRO in order to have a clarification. I know Social Services is on this afternoon, and DPW will be -- it will be well worth the effort for --

LEG. BISHOP:

Behoove you, as Brian usually says.

LEG. FOLEY:

Behoove the Department to speak directly with BRO. But also, as mentioned to us right now, is important, but BRO stands ready to offer

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any clarification that the departments may need with the -- with the budget that was approved by the Legislature.

LEG. BISHOP:

May I ask Legislative Counsel to comment. Was my representation correct?

MR. SABATINO:

Yes, it was absolutely correct. The money has not been removed from the budget. What happens was the money is now reflected in the budget in conformity with the charter approved law that was an adopted referendum. It's similar to the old Quarter Percent Program, which says that the Legislature appropriates the money during the course of the year. It's an issue of -- the way it was constructed with the separate fund and then to be able to control the appropriations so there wouldn't be a blank check just to spend all the Quarter Percent money.

LEG. BISHOP:

No blank checks allowed. Got that? Also, I have -- I had a question.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Is it on the budget?

LEG. BISHOP:

No.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I also have one more item on the budget.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Yes. Go ahead.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

That regards the initiative with regard to the Dormitory Authority of New York state and --

LEG. BISHOP:

Oh, I know.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

-- the retirement that we're required actually to utilize them or allow them to be part of the process in connection with a number of building projects. Of course, we at a previous meeting, if you recall a hearing we had on the operating budget, we voiced our disapproval of this particular item. We feel that the County is -- will lose control over the very projects that we're responsible for. And by restricting -- by restricting participation to only basically senior staff in the Commissioner's Office doesn't really give us very much -- the ability to oversee these projects. I mean, you're asking -- you're asking us in the Commissioner's Office to sign payment vouchers without having any backup, without having any ability to oversee the project accordingly. We don't believe that's appropriate. There are -- there are really other items that we would like to discuss with the committee at a later date; however, we just wanted to bring it to your attention at this point, and we will be prepared to discuss that at a

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later date.

LEG. BISHOP:

Do you anticipate a veto of that coming, or that's just a note?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No, that's -- that's just something we picked up when we were reviewing the project or reviewing the Operating Budget.

LEG. BISHOP:

Can I ask my big question?

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Sure. Big question from Legislator Bishop.

LEG. BISHOP:

I find it a fascinating little issue. But the Town of Huntington is considering a resolution regarding Commack Road in the Town of Huntington that will limit, essentially through weight limits, prohibit truck traffic on a County Road in the Town of Huntington, which will have a great detrimental impact to area businesses. Given that we have spent millions of dollars if not tens of millions of dollars on improving Commack Road, is there a position of the Department, have we done anything to try to communicate with Huntington?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Can they do that?

LEG. BISHOP:

Well, that was my first question. I have been told by Legislator --

I've been told by Mr. Shannon that he beliefs they can do it.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Yes. We don't support it, we're opposed to it.

LEG. BISHOP:

Good.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

We have opposed these types of initiatives in the past. We believe County roads are built to support certain levels of traffic. This is a major north-south route, and we certainly are opposed to this initiative. Can they do it? Yes, they can. The Vehicle and Traffic Law not only allows the County to do it on County roads, but it also allows the towns to do it. I know there's significant truck lobby, they're opposed to this, because it is a major route into the industrial area and Deer Park area. And there are other initiatives that New York State actually permits the roads, certain roads, to be used for certain type of trucking. So it's also a question of whether there's other violation of state law with regard to that initiative. And we have discussed this issue with the local Legislator in that area, Legislator Binder, as well as with representatives from the Town of Huntington. And I know that representatives from the Towns of Babylon and Islip and their highway areas are opposed to this initiative by the town. But they can do it.

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LEG. BISHOP:

What does the Town of Huntington offer as an alternative route or do they?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I'm not sure they do at this point. The alternatives in that area are fairly limited.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Where exactly are they talking about?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Commack Road.

LEG. BISHOP:

North of the LIE.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Well, it goes from the LIE south actually.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yeah, it comes into my district.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

So it would be west of the Pilgrim site.

LEG. BISHOP:

Just north of the Pilgrim site.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

North and west.

LEG. CARPENTER:

North and west.

LEG. FOLEY:

And how far south does it go?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Commack Road goes down to Deer Park Avenue.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Actually south of the Expressway.

LEG. FOLEY:

To the town border.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

The town border, which is somewhere in the middle of the Pilgrim State property before it turns into Babylon.

LEG. CARPENTER:

It actually comes through Islip at that point.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Yes. There's a piece if Islip there, that's correct.

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LEG. CARPENTER:

But the portion that we're talking about that they're trying to control is north of the Expressway.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No, actually it's south of the Expressway. There's a residential community this that extends for --

LEG. CARPENTER:

They can't --

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

-- three quarters of a mile.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Oh, yes, I was just on that the other day.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Counsel.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Is that totally -- excuse me. Is that totally -- because on the west -- on the east side of the road, that is actually the Town of Islip, because that's the Edgewood Pilgrim property. On the right side of the road, that's the Town of Huntington. So is the road really in the Town of Huntington?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I believe the road is in the Town of Huntington at that point until it gets further to the south.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Well, we can check our records. Maybe we ought to deed it to -- move that line over.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Could the Department of Public Works impose a different weight standard?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No. This is -- this is standard weight limits on that road. So it permits certain levels of truck traffic. The only difference is with these tandem trailers, they get a special permit, those trucking companies that use those trailers get special permit from the state that allows them to use tandem trailers at certain times. So there's a lot of -- there's night traffic, for the most part, is at night. The state will ask us for our opinion with regard to those, and generally, then they just do what they want to do.

LEG. BISHOP:

We have to go and fight for our right here.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Out-of-County tuition, good point.

LEG. CARPENTER:

I say there's no road projects in the Town of Huntington until that's resolved.

LEG. BISHOP:

You hate to -- you hate to link other issues to this issue, but I suppose as the Chairman of Public Works, if you want to send a letter from the committee, I will be glad to sign it.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Have a hold on all Huntington construction projects.

LEG. BISHOP:

And of course, I am going to -- we can-- I will talk to you about it.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

We will be happy to work with the Chairman with regard to that issue if you so choose to.

LEG. BISHOP:

I mean, do you -- oh, let me just ask this. Is it your information that it's a legitimate threat that they're actually going to pass such a crazy bill.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

That was their intent. They held a public hearing, and understand, it was their intent. However, they haven't -- they haven't moved to that point yet.

LEG. BISHOP:

Isn't there- are there not businesses in the area, like an industrial around there?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

There is an industrial area to the south in the Deer Park area, which is in the Babylon area, actually. They utilize -- that's really their main route into that area. But it also impacts a lot of trucking traffic that may come up from the north from Middle Country Road, Route 25, come in from that direction to service the area up in there. Now, this truck traffic is basically -- doesn't -- doesn't restrict local truck traffic that are making local deliveries into the -- in the community area.

LEG. CARPENTER:

There's actually a storage for the Town of Huntington Sanitation Trucks right off that road, just south of the Expressway. And then there's a big sand company, topsoil.

LEG. BISHOP:

You mean the Town of Huntington itself has a facility on the route that they're going to limit the truck traffic.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Unless the trucks are -- it may be their trucks at the sanitation company. You know how some of these companies put the town's name on the truck that they drive through the --

LEG. BISHOP:

Right, but they still have a contract with a company that --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Do you have a copy of the proposal? Do you have a copy of the bill?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No, I don't have it with me. I mean, we have information we can provide to you.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Could you please? And this way we get it so we can draft a letter, and the whole committee will sign it. I'll approach it with my fire shooting apparatus approach as always. Anything else, Legislator Bishop?

LEG. BISHOP:

No. That's my fascinating issue of the --

LEG. CARPENTER:

I have a question.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

We could certainly withhold all capital projects through the town of Huntington in the upcoming year as well. There's a whole host of different options.

LEG. CARPENTER:

We could -- the County could save a lot of money.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

I'm sure there's a tremendous amount of road projects too.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

We have met with the representatives from the local community there, and we have indicated we are willing to do some things, some improvements, on Commack Road, curbing and things like that to help them out and work with them.

LEG. BISHOP:

Sure, we should reward them.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

We have told them we simply would not support the initiative at all.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Good work.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Very good, and we will follow-up with a letter to Supervisor Petrone and all other pertinent parties. You see, he switches parties in

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Huntington, and they want to ban everything.

LEG. BISHOP:

I understand --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Is he talking to Cooper?

LEG. BISHOP:

I understand this was one of the linchpins to Assemblyman-elect Rayas platform. He was going to ban truck traffic in the Town of Huntington.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Was it? Recount. Okay. We're getting silly. We'll handle that on our end. But we will draft a letter, I'll sent it to each Legislator's Office and get that out ASAP.

LEG. CRECCA:

County we go to the agenda, Mr. Chairman?

LEG. CARPENTER:

I had a question before that. I would like to know -- I was at a civic association last night, and I just wanted to mention that Bob Bornholdt, traffic safety engineer, did a terrific job going over the Bay Shore Road project. One of the other issues that was raised, as is always raised in that community, is the sewers. And where are we with the sewer study, the feasibility study?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I'll have to get that information for you. I'll have someone contact you with that.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Could you please, because I promised to get back to them with it. They still cannot understand why, you know, the Pilgrim site goes right by them, they can't hook-up. And there were three homes that were built on the south side of Deer Lake, and they have hooked up into the Southwest Sewer District. So needless to say, they're quite upset.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

So this is for Bay Shore area, which area specifically?

LEG. CARPENTER:

This is actually West Islip, the northern part of West Islip, between Bay Shore and Sunrise Highway -- Southern State Parkway.

LEG. CRECCA:

On -- no, go ahead.

LEG. CARPENTER:

And the -- no, I will contact you privately on this one.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

That must be a good one. Legislator Crecca has another concern or

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point relating to Commack Road.

LEG. CRECCA:

Yeah, actually I had spoken -- I apologize, I wasn't paying attention before. I was so intently looking at this report that I wasn't listening to what was being said around the horseshoe. I did speak to Supervisor Petrone as well as Mark Cuthbertson regarding the tonnage change on Commack -- you're talking about Commack Road south of the LIE, correct?

LEG. BISHOP:

You really were not paying attention.

LEG. CRECCA:

Right, I was not. I apologize. But when I did speak to them, and I had spoken to Commissioner Bartha about this and requested that a traffic study be done on that area, Commissioner Bartha did indicate that had it would be probably a solid year before they could even commence a traffic study. But even understanding that, we felt it was a good position that the town wouldn't take any action until the traffic study was completed, and we could take a look at it because of the potential problems there. And I say that only because I don't want to -- I certainly think we should still say that we're opposed to it, and I have no problem with that, I think it's a good suggestion, because it is the only reasonable thoroughfare for business to come through there. But in the same respect too, I don't want to misrepresent to anybody. I have been dealing with this issue for about a month since they had the public hearing in an informal manner. And I have spoken some to some of the -- I've spoke to Mark Cuthberston also.

LEG. BISHOP:

All these discussions -- I'm sorry. All this dialog with Huntington officials, what's their position? This is somehow reasonable? It's just such an outrageous proposition.

LEG. CRECCA:

Well, you have to understand from their point of view. They had a very large constituency turn out at the Civic Association Meeting where hundreds of residents had turned out regarding this. So I would tell you that their position is they're certainly looking at the issue, they certainly want to take into consideration all the concerns of those residents there. But they also understand our point of view and the need for that to be a commercial thoroughfare. So I think they're trying to be sensitive to all sides of the issue.

LEG. BISHOP:

So they have a solution?

LEG. CRECCA:

They --

LEG. BISHOP:

I guess what I'm asking -- let me ask it directly. Is it your sense they're going to pass this crazy thing?

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LEG. CRECCA:

No, it was my understanding from my last conversation with Supervisor Patrone, with Mr. Cuthberston that they were under the impression that Public Works was going to do a traffic study there, that they would see this results of that traffic study and they would delay any action on their part until they had a better understanding of the traffic study and what other options might exist for commercial traffic.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

I was going to say, they should do the traffic study, and we will review their findings. That's my opinion. You know, why should we pay and exhaust our resources on a traffic study there based on their hampering scheme?

LEG. CARPENTER:

But he's being totally objective.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

I'm trying to be fair.

LEG. BISHOP:

Are you doing a traffic study there?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Well, we can. The Commissioner indicated we can do a traffic study. Obviously, we would need -- we would need funding to do that, but that raises again the question is it really the County's responsibility.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

No, hold on.

LEG. FOLEY:

Has the town requested a traffic safety study?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I don't know if they've requested one. We have indicated we thought we might --

LEG. CRECCA:

With the permission of the committee and the Chairman --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Hold on. Commissioner, did you finish that thought? They haven't contacted you.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No. We have in our discussions with the town indicated that we thought that it would be appropriate to do a traffic study.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Can we charge them back?

LEG. BISHOP:

No. It's a County road.

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CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Not without an agreement.

LEG. BISHOP:

Why is it appropriate though?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

To justify the initiative. Whether a traffic -- in other words, it will -- it will outline what the impact are.

LEG. CARPENTER:

If the legislator from the area is going to say there should be a traffic study there then --

LEG. CRECCA:

Yeah. To understand, the Commissioner wasn't committed to doing a

traffic study, he did indicate that it is generally, the way it works is a Legislator from the area if they wanted a traffic study, we'd do that. Understand it is Legislator Binder's district, it borders right on my district and effects many of the communities in my district too. So that's why I had gotten involved. I had been called by some of -- not just residents, but also more of the contractors and some of the people who are economically affected in those industries down below.

LEG. BISHOP:

Yeah, my town, and they're quite concerned.

LEG. CRECCA:

I agree with you. And most are in the Town of Babylon. And I am as concerned as you are. Legislator Bishop. With the permission of the committee then if you want, Mr. Chairman, I will contact Supervisor Petrone and some of the board members again as a follow-up. That was several weeks ago that I spoke to them, if you want me to.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Feel free. Maybe you can tell me to call me as Chairman of Public Works if they want to discuss it with me so we can disseminate information throughout the committee and the Legislature. It would be appropriate on their part.

LEG. CRECCA:

I thought it was sort of a --

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

We will draft that letter and send it in opposition in the meantime. But they -- you know, we're certainly open to discuss this. And we will add an invitation to the component to that letter so that they appear before us to discuss it. All right. We will leave that for now. Any other business to be discussed with the department before we go to the agenda? I just want to thank the department for yesterday we broke ground on the Sixth Precinct in Selden. A project we started discussing back in, I believe, 1996 after many years of wrangling. Well there's a lot of different components based into it, what was going to happen with the Coram facility that currently exists, there was a big open space component project to the project as well, 12 acre surrounding the site. And yesterday we broke ground, and it's going

to be a beautiful facility that the whole County can be proud of. So I thank you for your work on that, Commissioner.

LEG. CRECCA:

Mr. Chairman, can we just get a brief update if possible on the juvenile detention center, where we're at with that?

LEG. BISHOP:
Check your chart.

LEG. CRECCA:
I did check that chart, and it just says that -- it says, completion 1/20/2003, and I don't know if that means the design phase, because it was my understanding we were going to be breaking ground this fall, which I'm assuming didn't happen.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:
No.

LEG. CRECCA:
So we were talking about completion of construction in Spring of 2003. So I guess we're off that time line at this point.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:
I will get an up-to-date time line on that. That should represent the existing time line, because that's as of today.

LEG. CRECCA:
But it says preliminary design started 6/24/2002.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:
Don't forget, we had -- we got held up.

LEG. CRECCA:
It's incorrect. I sat in on the meetings, I saw the original designs back over a year ago, they were drawn. And there was -- just, I mean --

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:
We had to make changes as a result of the comments from the state as you recall.

LEG. CRECCA:
Right. But that was supposed to -- and I asking for an updated report, because when we had met in early 2001, you know, that was supposed to be completed in a matter of months, and now it's a year and a half later. You know, it's just costing us -- we have institutional care costs through the roof. This was supposed give to us some relief there, and that was one of the reasons if for expediting this project. So if we can get an updated time line on this. Tedd Godek I know is very familiar, and I haven't called him.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:
I will have him get in touch with you and provide you with whatever updated information we have.

LEG. CARPENTER:

The joint quarter master building between the police and Sheriff's Department, there was a meeting, we were trying to expedite that. I am under impression that if we don't get start on this before the end of the year, they're going to have to be covered under a whole new set of regulations in building this.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

That's right.

LEG. CARPENTER:

So what can we do to expedite it and make sure it happens since we're here and it's the middle of November?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I will get back to you on that.

LEG. CARPENTER:

We're going to be able to do it, right?

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Yeah, as far as I know.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

I will get some updated information for you.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Where are we with the student bus fares.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

Bob?

LEG. CARPENTER:

You're never going to want Charlie to be absent again.

CHIEF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LAVALLE:

No, I don't mind, not at all. There are so many different issues, and the staff is all over the place today.

MR. SHINNICK:

Bob Shinnick. We implemented the fare October 1.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Okay, it was October 1.

MR. SHINNICK:

To my knowledge, we have had no problems. Few of the highlights; bus route that goes to Stony Brook, and the first one carried 2400 students; another one that travels to Five Towns College did an impressive number. I don't have those figures with me.

LEG. CARPENTER:

If you could get that to me, before and after. If it did make a

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difference, I'd be curious to see it.

MR. SHINNICK:

It will show a breakdown of what the student fares were that road the buses on the particular bus routes. If you want, I can give you entire system or we can give you significant highlights.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Significant highlights. I just sense that there is an increased ridership on the part of the students.

MR. SHINNICK:

There may be. I don't know that, but I do know we can now identify them, because it's a separate category.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Good. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

All right. Go to the agenda.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

1504-02. A Local Law to reform process for Public Works change-orders. (TOWLE)

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Motion to table by myself.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Seconded by Legislator Carpenter. All in favor? Opposed?

TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

1700-02. Revising and clarifying use of Capital Project priority ranking system for implementation of Capital Budget and Program Projects. (CARACAPPA)

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

I make a motion to table subject to call --

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

-- based on a report issued today. Seconded by Legislator Carpenter.
All in favor? Opposed? TABLED SUBJECT TO CALL (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

1765-02. Transferring escrow account revenues and transferring assessment stabilization reserve funds to the Capital Fund, amending the 2002 Operating Budget, amending the 2002 Capital Budget and Program, and appropriating funds for improvements to the facilities in Suffolk County Sewer District 18 - Hauppauge Industrial (CP 8126) (COUNTY EXEC)

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CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Legislator Crecca, what is your pleasure?

LEG. CRECCA:

Still tabling that, right? Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Motion to table by Legislator Crecca, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

Commissioner, if you have anything to say on these, just jump right in, all right?

2084-02. Amending the 2002 Capital Budget and Program and accepting and appropriating funds and authorizing the awards of contracts for the purchase of up to 28 transit buses, related spare parts, radios, fareboxes, and bus inspection/audit services during manufacture. (COUNTY EXEC)

LEG. BISHOP:

What's the offset?

LEG. FOLEY:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Motion to approve by Legislator Foley, seconded by Legislator Carpenter. On the motion, Legislator Foley.

LEG. FOLEY:

No. Legislator Bishop had a question.

LEG. BISHOP:

Offset.

LEG. FOLEY:

What's the offset?

MR. SABATINO:

No offset, because there's state and federal funding.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

All in favor? Opposed? APPROVED. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

2088-02. Authorizing the execution of an agreement between the County and the New York State Department of Transportation for 100% Federal and State aid for funding for transit service improvements. (COUNTY EXEC)

LEG. CARPENTER:

Motion to approve and put on consent calender.

LEG. FOLEY:

Second.

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CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Motion to approve and place on the consent calender by Legislator Carpenter and seconded by Legislator Foley. All in favor? Opposed? APPROVED and placed on CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

2090-02. Amending the 2002 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with improvements to CR 80, Montauk Highway, between NYS 112 and CR 101, Sills Road, Town of Brookhaven. (COUNTY EXEC)

LEG. BISHOP:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Motion by Legislator Foley, seconded by myself. All in favor? Opposed? Abstain? It's APPROVED. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

LEG. CRECCA:

Can we put 2084 on the consent calendar that we approved earlier.

MR. SABATINO:

That has a bond so.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:

Any other business to come before the committee?

LEG. FOLEY:
Nothing, no, sir.

LEG. CARPENTER:
Great job.

CHAIRMAN CARACAPPA:
Thank you. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you. Commissioner.

(*The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 P.M.*)

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